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SUBJECT: CABINET COMMUNIQUE ON MEXICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF DECEMBER 21 CABINET COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH PRESENTATION BY FONMIN ALLON ON CURRENT STATE OF MEXICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ELUCIDATED THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND MEXICO. "THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IS ACTING IN LINE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA'S VISIT TO ISRAEL, AND SINCE THEN HAS NOT SUPPORTED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WHICH, FROM ISRAEL'S POINT OF VIEW, ARE NEGATIVE--NEITHER AT THE UNESCO EXPERT'S CONFERENCE IN PARIS, NOR AT THE ICAO CONFERENCE." THIS WAS STATED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. YIGAL ALLON, IN REPLY TO CLARIFICATION SOUGHT AT THE CABINET SESSION BY A NUMBER OF MINISTERS, WHO VOICED SUPPORT FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S STAND ON ISSUE.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT ISRAEL HAD DERIVED THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S READINESS TO AMEND ITS STAND ON ZIONISM, AND THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO SECURE MORE COULD HAVE LED TO A RUPTURE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH

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COUNTRIES AS FOR MEXICO'S VOTE IN THE U.N. ASSEMBLY ON

THE "WOMEN'S YEAR" PROCLAMATION (THE "MEXICO DECLARATION")--ONE CLAUSE OF WHICH ALSO INCLUDED A DENUNCIATION OF ZIONISM--THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT HAVING DISPLAYED SUPPORT FOR THE PROCLAMATION, IN ITS EARLIER STAGES, MEXICO WAS NOT PREPARED TO CHANGE ITS VOTE ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE ASSEMBLY PELNUM. FOLLOWING UPON ISRAEL'S REPRESENTATIONS, HOWEVER, THE MEXICAN DELEGATE--IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT DELIVERED IN THE U.N.--VOICED HER RESERVATIONS AT THE PROCLAMATION'S ANTI-ZIONIST IMPLICATION. SIMILAR STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER. THIS, IN FACT, REPRESENTED A CHANGE IN MEXICO'S STAND ON THE ZIONIST QUESTION. NOTHING OF THE SORT HAD BEEN DONE BY ANY SINGLE ONE OF THE 72 DELEGATIONS WHICH HAD VOTED FOR THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION IN NOVEMBER.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO JERUSALEM, BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MEXICO HAD ALSO BEEN PROMOTED, AND WERE BETTER NOW THAN THEY HAD BEEN PRIOR TO MEXICO'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION IN NOVEMBER--ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO PROPHECY AS TO WHAT THE FUTURE HELD IN STORE.

5. AT THE SAME TIME, MR. ALLON CONFIRMED THAT A REGRET-ABLE HITCH HAD OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS: THE FULL REPORT ON HIS TALKS WITH THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN ISRAEL HAD REACHED AMBASSADOR HERZOG--WHO MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA IN NEW YORK--ONLY AFTER THE VOTE IN THE ASSEMBLY ON THE "WOMAN'S YEAR" PROCLAMATION HAD TAKEN PLACE. THIS HITCH HAD LED TO AMBASSADOR HERZOG'S REACTING AS HE DID.  
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